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SUBJ: GOP ORDERS REVAMPING OF SINAMOS

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1. APRIL 30 LIMA PRESS REPORTS THAT GOP HAD DECIDED TO REORGAN-IZE SINAMOS, PERU'S NATIONAL SYSTEM OF SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL MOBIL-IZATION. ACCORDING TO A DECREE PASSED ON APRIL 29 BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, GENERAL SALA OF SINAMOS IS TO HEAD A SIX MAN COM-MITTEE (NOT NAMED) WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO DRAFT LEGISLATION WITHIN 60 DAYS TO CREATE A NEW SOCIAL MOBILIZATION AGENCY. THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO EMPOWERED TO REVIEW AND SELECT PERSONNEL FOR THE NEW AGENCY. PENDING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW SYSTEM, THE OLD AGENCY WILL CONTINUE OPERATING. THE DECREE STATES THAT SINAMOS "ACHIEVED A CONSIDERABLE PART" OF ITS ORIGINAL GOALS, WHICH WERE TO SECURE THE "CONSCIOUS AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION IN THE TASKS DEMANDED BY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT." THE DECREE NOTES FURTHER THAT SOME OF SINAMOS' ORIGINAL TASKS HAVE NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE NEW OR REORGANIZED AGRICULTURE, FOOD, INDUSTRY AND HOUSING MINISTRIES. IT ADDS THAT "AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS, ACTIONS RELATED TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION MUST BE INTENSIFIED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE OF A SOCIAL DEMOCRACY OF FULL PARTICIPATION; IN THIS RESPECT, IT IS NECESSARY TO REDEFINE AND RESTRUCTURE THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL MOBILIZATION, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF FORMING

A NEW ORGANISM." END UNCLASSIFIED

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- 2. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY CONCLUDES TENTATIVELY THAT THE GOP HAS DECIDED TO REVAMP WHAT IS PERHAPS THE COUNTRY'S MOST DISCREDITED AGENCY AND TURN IT INTO A SORT OF "PARTY HEADQUARTERS" OR TAMMANY HALL FOR THE REVOLUTION'S NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT, ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 19 (LIMA 1428). THIS STREAMLINING PROCESS WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY AT SINAMOS, UNDER ITS NEW CHIEF, RETIRED GENERAL SALA OROSCO.
- 3. ESTABLISHED IN JUNE 1971, SINAMOS DEVELOPED INTO A COSTLY OPERATION INVOLVED IN THE AGRARIAN COOPERATIVES, INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITIES, AND SHANTY-TOWNS. EMPLOYING A WIDE SPECTRUM OF LEFTISTS, SINAMOS RAN AFOUL OF THE MILITARY AND MINISTRIES. HOWEVER, THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY HAS NOW ASSUMED PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBLILITY FOR LAND REFORM AND THE COOPERATIVES CREATED UNDER IT; THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TOURISM PLAYS A LEADING ROLE IN THE INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITIES; AND THE FOOD AND HOUSING MINISTRIES ARE INVOLVED IN AND ALSO SUPPLANTED SINAMOS' PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES.
- 4. THE OFTEN RUMORED PURGE OF SINAMOS' COMMUNISTS MAY ALSO RESULT FROM THE REORGANIZATION. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT PRESUMABLY DOES NOT WANT COMMUNISTS INVOLVED IN THE ORGANIZATION, DIRECTION AND FINANCING OF THE REVOLUTION'S POLITICAL MOVEMENT WHICH IS IN GESTATION. A SINAMOS PURGE DOES NOT MEAN THAT MODERATES WILL PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN THE REVOLUTION. RATHER, THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT PROBABLY WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT MILITARY-DIRECTED LEFTISTS AND NOT PERUVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (MOSCOW) LEFTISTS PREDOMINATE IN THE REVOLUTION'S NEW POLITICAL ARM. THE POLITICAL COLORATION WILL OF COURSE BE UNCLEAR UNTIL IT IS KNOWN EXACTLY WHO HAS ASSUMED POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBLITY IN THE NEW SINAMOS.

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